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1. IN VIEW SAMORA MACHEL'S UNAVAILABILITY PRIOR DEPARTURE TOMORROW (MAY 24) FOR MOZAMBIQUE, I HELD WIDE-RANGING TALK WITH SERGIO VIERA, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO FRELIMO PRESIDENT, TODAY (MAY 23).

2. MEETING WAS ARRANGED AT THURSDAY NIGHT (MAY 22) STATE BANQUET FOR MACHEL, AND I AGREED TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF REF A WITH VIERA BECAUSE MEETING WITH MACHEL JUST NOT POSSIBLE. BASED ON OUR ASSESSMENT VIERA UNIQUELY PLACED FRELIMO OFFICIAL WHO SEEMS ENJOY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE HIS BOSS. HE ABLE PROVIDE HARD ANSWERS IN WAY NOT EVEN POSSIBLE TO DOS SANTOS. TODAY'S MEETING STRENGTHENS OUR ASSESSMENT.

3. I OUTLINED USG POSITION ON DECOLONIZATION AND HOW WE
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INITIATE RELATIONS WITH NEW COUNTRIES. HAVING SENT MACHEL

A COPY OF PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS ON DECOLONIZATION AT KAUNDA DINNER, I WAS ABLE TO CITE THIS AS AN EARNEST OF OUR CURRENT POSTURE.

4. I THEN SAID THAT THE USG LIKES TO PLAN IN ADVANCZZZHE EXTENTION OF RECOGNITION AND THE BEGINNING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EMERGING COUNTRIES AND USED THE ALGERIAN PRECEDENT MENTIONED IN THE DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS.

5. I THEN EXPLAINED THAT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME WE PLAN ON MAKING A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR INTENTIONS TO RECOGNIZE AND ENTER INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT. I SAID THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL SEND A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS AND US RECOGNITION UPON MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE, ADDING THAT WE WOULD PROCEED ALONG THESE LINES IF THERE WERE NO OBJECTION FROM THEIR SIDE.

6. FINALLY I NOTED WHAT WE WERE PREPARED TO DO IN RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THE DISPATCHING OF AN ECONOMIC SURVEY TEAM WHEN SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT.

7. IN VIEW OF MACHEL'S DEPARTURE ON SATURDAY FROM DAR I ASKED HOW WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY ON OUR DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS.

8. VIERA RESPONDED MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE FRELIMO OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN CJ DAR ES SALAAM AT LEAST UNTIL JUNE 25, AND DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH ITS HEAD, FELISBERTO LUKANGA. (FYI: MOZAMBIQUE INSTITUTE WHERE FRELIMO OFFICIALS HAVE SPENT MUCH OF THEIR TIME IS BEING CLOSED COMPLETETG -- THE PACKERS WERE MOVING OUT FILES, OFFICE FURNITURE, ETC., WHILE THIS MEETING WAS TAKING PLACE.) P
ERA REMINDED
ME OF MACHEL'S REMARKS AT THE STATE DINNER LAST NIGHT IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTER INTO
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANY GOVERNMENT
THAT WAS PREPARED TO RESPECT MOZAMBIQUE AS AN EQUAL AND NOT
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INTERFERE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS. VIEREUALSO REMINB D ME OF MACHEL'S STATEMENT DURING OUR MEETING WITH EASUM IN NOVEMBER IN WHICH MACHEL SAID HE WELCOMED THE CHANGE IN THE US POSITION TO FRELIMO.

B. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION ON FRELIMO'S PART TO OUR ANNOUNCING OUR PLANS FOR RECOGNITION AND ENTERING INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN ADVANCE. PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE WOULD BE WELCOMED ON JUNE 25.

C. ONLY PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS PREVENTED APPROVAL OF THE VISIT OF THE ECONOMIC SURVEY TEAM, BUT IT WILL BE WELCOMED FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE AT A TIME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT.

D. ALL CONSULATES EVEN OF QTE FREINDLY UNQTE GOVERNMENTS MUST BE CLOSED AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. QTE THESE WERE CONSULATES ESTABLISHED UNDER AND RECOGNIZED BY THE FORMER REGIME. WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEM UNQTE, VIERA SAID. WHEN I ASKED WHETHER NEW EXEQUATURS WOULD BE GIVEN TO CONSULS WHO ARE PRESENTLY SERVING IN LOURENCO MARQUES, VIERA SAID EACH SUBMISSION WOULD BE DEALT WITH ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. HE IMPLIED THAT FRELIMO HAD INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN CONSULS WHICH THEY REGARD AS DEROGATORY AND THAT THESE EXEQUATURS WOULD NOT BE GRANTED.

E. ON INVITATIONS TO INDEPENDENCE DAY VIERA SAIDNWE ARE NOT INVITING EVERY NATION. WE HAVE LIMITED CAPACITY TO HANDLE IEN THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. HE SAID THE FIRST PRIORITY WOULD INCLUDE THOSE WHO HELPED FRELIMO DURING THE TEN YEAR STRUGGLE. HE ADDED THEN WE MUST BE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL 44 AFRICAN COUNTRIES. QTE FOLLOWING THESE TWO CATEGORIES, WE WILL THEN DECIDE HOW MANY ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES CAN BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER OUR LIMITED LOGISTICAL SITUATION. UNQTE COMMENT: COUPLED WITH DOS SANTOS' STATEMENT TO ME EARLIER I READ THIS TO MEAN THERE WILL BE NO OFFICIAL USG INVITATION.

9. I BELIEVE THE VIERA DISCUSSION TO HAVE BEEN MOST USEFUL. WE MADE THE POINTY IN THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF A. THEY WERE MADE IN A LOW KEY MANNER, AND VIERA HAD OBVIOUSLY DISCUSSED MY VISIT WITH MACHEL AND HAD HIS OWN INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE MORE OBVIOUS MATTERS I MIGHT RAISE. I BELIEVE VIERA'S RESPONSES TO HAVE BEEN ALMOST DICTATED BY
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MACHEL.

10. ON THE STATUS OF THE LOURENCO MARQUES CONGEN, I BELIEVE THE OFFICERS SHOULD STAY IN PLACE UP TO JUNE 24, BUT THE CONSULATE GENERAL SHOULD BE CLOSED ON THE 25TH, AND THAT ON THE JJYTH REQUEST FOR EXEQUATURS FOR THE DESIGNATED OFFICERS SHOULD BE SOUGHT THROUGH NEW MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTRY. I BELIEVE PENDING ACTION BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THESE OFFICERS SHOULD PERFORM NO OFFICIAL DUTIES OR UNDERTAKE ANY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. IN VIEW OF CONGEN WALKER'S ARRIVAL IN LOURENCO MARQUES AFTER THE LISBON COUP, MY GUESS IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM FOR HIM. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN KEEPING WITH VIERA'S SUGGESTION IN POINTDA UNDER PARA 8 ABOVE, THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE COULD NOT SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR EXEQUATURS FOR OUR CONSULS THROUGH THE

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LIMO OFFICER HERE IN DAR ES SALAAM AS SOON AS THE DEPT APPROVES.
IN THIS WAY IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT EXEQUATURS MIGHT BE
OKED IN ADVANCE. AT LEAST THIS WOULD GIVE WALKER AND
COMPANY SOMETHING IN PROCESS DURING THE HIATUS IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING JUNE 25.
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